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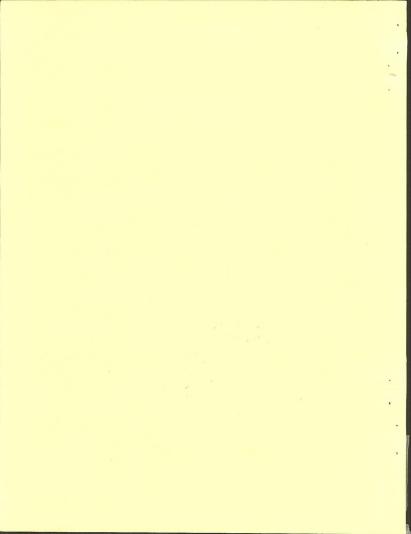
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INTRODUCTION

This collection of information includes all known sensitive plant species in the Boise District. It was compiled for use as a reference and for field personnel, containing line drawings when available.

The plants are arranged in alphabetical order by genera. An index of common names has been included for those unfamiliar with Latin names. Each plant has been placed in one or sometimes two soil and vegetation type categories. This information is also available within the narrative descriptions, but the categories will provide a more rapid way to reference habitat information.

Plant nomenclature follows that of Hitchcock and Cronquist in their <u>Flora</u> of the <u>Pacific</u> Northwest (1973). Illustrations are from various sources, including Flora of the Pacific Northwest, Intermountain Flora, <u>Threatened</u> and <u>Endangered Plants</u> of <u>Nevada</u>, and <u>Threatened</u> and <u>Endangered</u> <u>Vascular</u> <u>Plants</u> of <u>Oregon</u>.

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LIST OF SENSITIVE PLANTS IN THE BOISE DISTRICT

Allium aaseae (Aase's Onion) Artemisia packardiae (Packard's Sagebrush) Astragalus atratus var. inseptus (Mourning Milk-vetch) Astragalus atratus var. owyheensis (Owyhee Mourning Milk-vetch) Astragalus camptopus (Murphy Milk-vetch) Astragalus mulfordiae (Mulford's Milk-vetch) Astragalus sterilis (Barren Milk-vetch) Astragalus vallaris (Snake Canyon Milk-vetch) Astragalus yoder-williamsii (Osgood Mountains Milk-vetch) Camassia cusickii (Cusick's Camas) Chaenactis cusickii (Cusick's False Yarrow) Cryptantha propria (Malheur Cryptantha) Cymopterus acaulis var. greeleyorum (Greeley's Parsley) Dimersia howellii (Dimersia) Eatonella nivea (White Eatonella) Epipactis gigantea (Giant Helleborine) Erigeron latus (Broad Fleabane) Eriogonum salicornoides (Annual Salt Eriogonum) Eriogonum shockleyi var. shockleyi (Matted Cowpie Buckwheat) Glyptopleura marginata (White Margined Wax Plant) Gymnosteris nudicaulis (Large Flowered Gymnosteris) Gymnosteris parvula (Small Flowered Gymnosteris) Hackelia ophiobia (Rattlesnake Stickseed) Haplopappus radiatus (Snake River Goldenweed) Lepidium davisii (Davis Peppergrass) Leptodactylon glabrum (Bruneau River Prickly Phlox) Lupinus uncialis (Inch High Lupine) Malacothrix glabrata (Desert Dandelion) Malacothrix torreyi (Torrey's Malacothrix) Mentzelia mollis (Smooth Stickleaf) Mentzelia torreyi var acerosa (Torrey's Blazing Star) Nemacladus rigidus (Rigid Threadstem) Pediocactus simpsonii var. robustior (Simpson's Hedgehog Cactus) Peraphyllum ramosissium (Squaw Apple) Peteria thompsonae (Spine-Noded Milk-vetch) Phacelia lutea var. calva (Yellow Phacelia) Phacelia minutissima (Least Phacelia) Primula wilcoxiana (Wilcox's Primrose) Stipa webberi (Webber's Needlegrass) Stylocline filaginea (Hooked Stylocline) Texosporium sancti-jacobi (Texas Spored Lichen) Trifolium owyheense (Owyhee Clover)

ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF COMMON NAMES

Aase's Onion (Allium aaseae) Annual Salt Eriogonum (Eriogonum salicornoides) Barren Milk-vetch (Astragalus sterilis) Broad Fleabane (Erigeron latus) Bruneau River Prickly Phlox (Leptodactylon glabrum) Cusick's Camas (Camassia cusickii) Cusick's False Yarrow (Chaenactis cusickii) Davis Peppergrass (Lepidium davisii) Desert Dandelion (Malacothrix glabrata) Dimersia (Dimersia howellii) Giant Helleborine (Epipactis gigantea) Greeley's Parsley (Cymopterus acaulis var. greeleyorum) Hooked Stylocline (Stylocline filaginea) Inch High Lupine (Lupinus uncialis) Large Flowered Gymnosteris (Gymnosteris nudicaulis) Least Phacelia (Phacelia minutissima) Malheur Cryptantha (Cryptantha propria) Matted Cowpie Buckwheat (Eriogonum shockleyi var. shockleyi) Mourning Milk-vetch (Astragalus atratus var. inseptus) Mulford's Milk-vetch (Astragalus mulfordiae) Murphy Milk-vetch (Astragalus camptopus) Osgood Mountains Milk-vetch (Astragalus yoder-williamsii) Owyhee Clover (Trifolium owyheense) Owyhee Mourning Milk-vetch (Astragalus atratus var. owyheensis) Packard's Sagebrush (Artemisia packardiae) Rattlesnake Stickseed (Hackelia ophiobia) Rigid Threadstem (Nemacladus rigidus) Simpson's Hedgehog Cactus (Pediocactus simpsonii var. robustior) Small Flowered Gymnosteris (Gymnosteris parvula) Smooth Stickleaf (Mentzelia mollis) Snake Canyon Milk-vetch (Astragalus vallaris) Snake River Goldenweed (Haplopappus radiatus) Spine-Noded Milk-vetch (Peteria thompsonae) Squaw Apple (Peraphyllum ramosissimum) Texas Spored Lichen (Texosporium sancti-jacobi) Torrey's Blazing Star (Mentzelia torreyi var. acerosa) Torrey's Malacothrix (Malacothrix torreyi) Webber's Needlegrass (Stipa webberi) White Eatonella (Eatonella nivea) White Margined Wax Plant (Glyptopleura marginata) Wilcox's Primrose (Primula wilcoxiana) Yellow Phacelia (Phacelia lutea var. calva)

Plant Distribution by Soil Characteristics

<u>Coarse Sand</u> Allium aaseae Astragalus mulfordiae Cymopteris acaulis var, greeleyorum

Fine Alluvial Sand Astragalus camptopus Astragalus kentrophyta var. jessiae Eatonella nivea Gymnosteris nudicaulis Gymosteris parvula Malacothrix glabrata Malacothrix torreyi Mentzelia torreyi var. acerosa

Volcanic Ash Astragalus sterilis Chaenactis cusickii Cryptantha propria Cymopteris acaulis var. greeleyorum Eriogonum salicornoides Glyptopleura marginata Malacothrix glabrata Malacothrix torreyi Mentzelia mollis Nemacladus rigidus Phacelia lutea var. calva Trifolium owyheense

Volcanic Cinder Astragalus yoder-williamsii Dimersia howellii Eatonella nivea Erigeron latus Glyptopleura marginata Gymosteris parvula Lupinus uncialis Mentzella torreyi var. acerosa Nemacladus rigidus Peteria thompsonae Stylocilme filaginea <u>Rhyolite Cliffs</u> Artemisia packardiae Hackelia ophiobia Leptodactylon glabrum .

Clay Loam Astragalus vallaris Peraphyllum ramosissimum Primula wilcoxiana Stipa webberi Texosporium sancti-jacobi

<u>Silt Loam</u> Astragalus yoder-williamsii Camassia cusickii Haplopappus radiatus

Calcareous Hot/Cold Springs Epipactis gigantea

Playa or Natric Sites Lepidium davisii Lepidium montanum var. papilliferum

Thin Soil over Basalt Astragalus atratus var. inseptus Astragalus atratus var. owyheensis Malacothrix torreyi Pediocactus simpsonii var. robustior Stipa webberi Stylociine filaginea

Plant Distribution by Vegetation Types

<u>Sagebrush-Grassland</u> <u>Artealsia atratus var. inseptus</u> Cryptantha propria Dimersia howellii Gymnosteris nudicaulis Gymnosteris parvula Haplopappus radiatus Peraphyllum ramosissimum Primula wilcoxiana Stipa webberi

Wyoming Big Sage Astragalus camptopus Erigeron latus Eriogonum salicornoides Lepidium davisii Lepidium montanum var. papilliferum Nemacladus rigidus Trifolium owyheense (on ash surrounded by Wyoming Sage)

Wyoming Sage-Shadacale Astragalus camptopus Astragalus kentrophyta var. jessiae Cymopterus acaulis var. greeleyorum Batonella nivea Eriogonum shockleyi var. shockleyi Glyptopleura marginata Mentzelia mollis Mentzelia torreyi var. acerosa Nemacladus rigidus Phacelia lutea var. calva

Salt Desert Shrub Astragalus camptopus Chaenactis cusickii Eatonella nivea Eriogonum salicornoides Lepidium davisii Malacothrix torreyi Mentzeila mollis Mentzeila torreyi var. acerosa Peteria thompsonae Phacelia lutea var. calva Low Sage Astragalus atratus var. owyheensis Astragalus yoder-williamsii Erigeron latus Pediocactus simpsonii var. robustior

Mountain Big Sage Astragalus yoder-williamsii Phacelia minutissima Primula wilcoxiana

Bitterbrush-Bluebunch Wheatgrass Allíum aaseae Astragalus mulfordíae Astragalus sterilis Astragalus vallaris Camassia cusickií

Rabbitbrush Malacothrix glabrata Texosporium sancti-jacobi

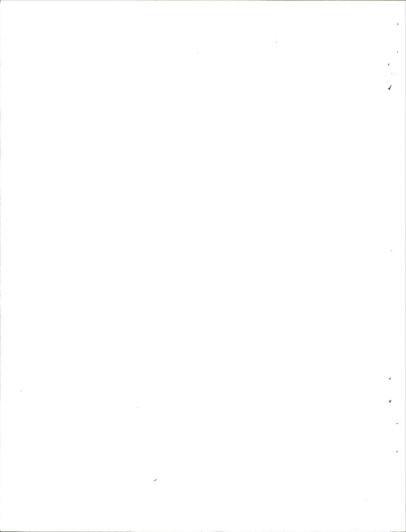
Rhyolite Canyons Artemisia packardiae Hackelia ophiobia Leptodactylon glabrum

Calcareous Springs (hot or cold) Epipactis gigantea

Eriogonum thymoides Stipa webberi

Mountain Brush Peraphyllum ramosissimum

(These vegetation types are generalizations of where a plant may occur. Some species are not so easily classified, and may occur in several vegetative zones.)



Allium aaseae (Aase's Onion)

Family: Liliaceae (Lily)

Status: Federal Category I (C1) recommended for Threatened status

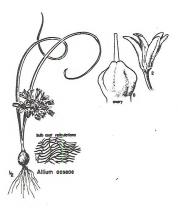
Known Locations: Ada, Boise, Gem Counties, Idaho

T6N, R1W, Sec. 1,2,3,10,11,12 Sand Hollow T6N, R1W, Sec. 21,22,23,24, Pearl Mining Claims T6N, R1W, Sec. 23,34 Willow Creek T6N, R1E, Sec. 24,36 T6N, R2E, Sec. 28,34 Cartwright Canyon T5N, R1E, Sec. 1,4,7,8,9,10,14,15,17 22-28 West of Spring Valley T5N, R2E, Sec. 27,34 Dry Creek Valley T4N, R1E, Sec. 13 Seamen Gulch T4N, R2E, Sec. 6-9, 15,16,17,20,21,23,25,26,34,35,36 Boise Foothills T4N, R3E, Sec. 1,2 Cottonwood Creek

Soil Type: Lolilita coarse silica sand

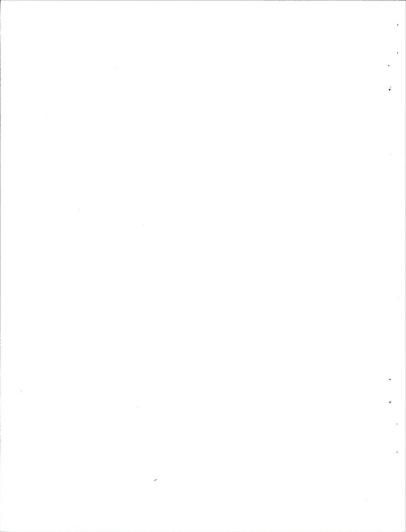
<u>Habitat and Ecology:</u> A small perennial onion growing in coarse sandy soil, often with bitterbrush. Sites are on south, west, and occasionally east-facing slopes in the sagebrush-grassland zone, and are usually found on or near ridgetops. Found from 2,850 feet up to 5,000 feet. Asse's onion blooms from as early as February until mid-May.

Threats: Urbanization, sand mining, off-road vehicles, invasion of annual weedy grasses and other exotics.



Key Characteristics

Two leaves, twice as long as stem Flowers deep pink, usually laying on the soil surface Early bloomer Coarse sandy soils



Artemisia packardiae (Packard's Sagebrush)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Review species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon Elko, Humboldt Counties, Nevada

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T105, R3W, Sec. 12 Deep Creek off the Owyhee River T145, R1W, Sec. 13 The Tules, E Fork Owyhee River T155, R4W, Sec. 15 T155, R4W, near the junction of Red Canyon Little Jacks Creek RNA The East Fork of the Owyhee River, from the pipeline crossing to Red Canyon Cottonwood Creek of Big Jack's drainage

Soil Type: Rhyolitic cliffs, usually of mesic microsites or E or N faces

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial herb with a strong smell, found only on vertical rhyolite cliffs. The plant appears to be restricted to the Owyhee and Humboldt River drainages, but more work on its biology and taxonomy is needed. It is found at elevations from 4,000-5,500 feet. The plant's foliage is dark green, leaves lack surface hairs, and its odor is not sagebrush-like. More collections should be made to determine its range. Blooms May to July.

Threats: None known

Key Characteristics

Restricted to rhyolite cliffs Leaves sticky and with a strong odor Flowers yellow Plants 20-50 cm tall

Artemisia packardiae

Packard's Sagebrush













x 20 achene Astragalus atratus var. inseptus (Mourning Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Threatened status Known Locations: Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Lincoln Counties, Idaho

T1S, R2OE, North of Picabo on sage hillsides T2S, R16E, Sec. 12 West of Magic Reservoir T2S, R18E, Sec. 3 NW,18 SWNE & NENW & N1/2,20 SENE T3S, R16E, Sec. 6 NENW near junction of Lincoln, Camas, and Gooding Counties T3S, R2OE, Sec. 10 SESW & NWNE,19 SENE T4S, R16E, Sec. 10 Freacher Creek NE of Gooding T6S, R13E, Sec. 20 SE South of Bliss T3S, R17E, Sec. 27 SE South of Shoshone T7S, R13E, Sec. 27 SE South of Shoshone T7S, R13E, Sec. 32 near Buckeye Ranch SW of Hagerman

Soil Type: Thin rocky soil over basalt

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial found on thin soil over basalt that is wet in spring but dry at other seasons. Clumps of this plant blend in well with the surrounding grasses due to the narrow leaves. Often grows with Idaho fescue. + 5,000 feet elevation. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Range improvement programs and grazing

Key to two varieties of Astragalus atratus:

 Leaflets more ample and less scattered, the terminal one jointed to the rachis; pod of leathery texture; stony flats where moist in spring

(see drawing on next page)

Key Characteristics

Flowers white, sometimes faintly lilac-tinged Leaflets 9-15, terminal one jointed to the stem Pods with leathery texture Pods 12-18 mm long & 3-4 mm wide Astragalus atratus var. owyheensis (Owyhee Mourning Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Elmore, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Baker, Malheur Counties, Oregon Elko County, Nevada

Idaho Idaho T25, R92, Sec. 18 Bennett Mountain area T35, R94, Sec. 2 14 miles W of Murphy, near Babbington Creek T55, R35, Sec. 32 W of Hagerman, Peter's Gulch area T95, R135, Sec. 32 SW of Hagerman, Peter's Gulch area T95, R135, Sec. 11 Salmon Falls Creek T145, R15, Sec. 26 SW of Shoo Fly Creek T145, R135, Sec. 11 near Murphy Hot Springs Bennett Mountain area above the "Hot Hole" of the East Bruneau (historic collection) Near the dam at Salmon Falls Creek

Soil Type: Gravelly flats and steep slopes on basalt

Habitat and Ecology: A perennial with many very slender, often prostrate and creeping to erect stems. Found on steep hillsides and gravelly flats, on basalt, usually taking shelter under and entangled in low sagebrush. From 3,500 to 6,000 feet. Often on bluffs overlooking the Snake River Canyon. Its leaves blend in with the leaves of grass and are not easily noticed. Blooms from May to July

Threats: Range improvement programs, overgrazing, agricultural development

Key Characteristics:

Flowers whitish, purplish-lined or -tinged and 8-9 mm long Leaflets 7-11, terminal one continuous with the stem Pod 14-20 mm long & 3-4 mm wide Pod of papery texture

(see key on previous page)



A. atratus

Astragalus camptopus (Murphy Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Federal Category 3C and Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho

T1S. R2W. Sec. 28,29,33,34 S of Melba T2S, R2W, Sec. 3,4,23,32 Murphy area T2S, R5E, Sec. 20 Squaw Creek T3S, R2W, Sec. 10,12 S of Murphy T6S, R3E, Sec. 34,22 about 10 miles S of Grandview T6S. R5E. Sec. 24 Bruneau T7S, R2E, Sec. 14 15 miles SW of Grandview T7S, R3E, Sec. 2,3,4,5,7,9 Shoofly Creek area, S of Grandview T7S, R5E, Sec. 5,20 NWNW,21,30,31 8-11 miles SW of Bruneau T7S, R6E, Sec. 7 S of Bruneau Rabbit Creek, 3 miles S of Walter's Ferry T7S, R3W, Sec. 4 T8S, R5E, Sec. 6 12 miles S of Bruneau T8S, R6E, Sec. 20 6 miles SW of the town of Hot Spring Wiese's Bar of Snake River

Soil Type: Arid sandy soil

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial plant endemic to the area between Murphy and Bruneau. It is found only on sandy soils in shadscale-horsebrushgreasewood habitat. Also in the Wyoming big sage-Sandberg bluegrass zone. Found from 2,400-3,200 feet. It often grows in extensive colonies and has been found along roadsides and streambeds. Blooms May and June.

Threats: Increased agriculture, off-road vehicles, and range improvement programs

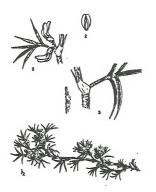
Key Characteristics

Pods forming more than a complete circle Flowers bright purple Restricted habitat Grows in colonies Astragalus kentrophyta var. jessiae (Thistle Milk-Vetch) Family: Fabaceae (Legume) Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists Known Locations: Butte, Owyhee Counties. Idaho Sweetwater, Sublette, Fremont Counties. Wyoming Malheur County, Oregon Idaho T4S, RIW, Sec. 4 West of Fossil Butte, 10 miles E of Murphy T4S, R1W, Sec. 23,24 NW of Oreana T5S, R3E, Sec. 7 NW of Grand View T6S. R6E. Sec. 18 one mile N of Bruneau T7S, R5E, Sec. 5,31 SW of Bruneau, six and eleven miles respectively T7S, R6E, Sec. 36 eight miles SE of Bruneau T8S, R7E, Sec. 6 nine miles SE of Bruneau in Seventy-one Mile Gulch T9S, R5E. Sec. 5 Sugar Creek INEL (Idaho National Engineering Laboratory) Fish fossil beds SE of Walter's Ferry Bridge

Soil Type: Barren, fine alluvial sandy and shale soils

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial found on sandy bluffs, gravelly hillcops, gullied knolls, and dunes or dumelike sandy flats. From 2,450-3,200 feet in elevation along the south affluents of the Snake River in Owyhee County, in the Wyoming big sage zone. On soils subject to severe erosion. Commonly with shadscale and greasewood. In open stands of Utah juniper in Butte County (INEL). Blooms June to August

Threats: Off-road vehicles, agricultural developments, desert land entries



Key Characteristics

Prostrate, loosely matted foliage becomes prickly with age Flowers whitish, sometimes faintly pink- or lilac-tinged Atypical Astragalus leaf shape Astragalus mulfordiae (Mulford's Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

 Status:
 Federal Category I (Cl) recommended for Endangered status

 Known Locations:
 Ada, Owyhee, Payette, Washington Counties, Idaho

 Malheur County, Oregon (historic site)
 Idaho

 T1S, RSW, Sec. 14
 Reynolds Creek area

 T2S, R3E, Sec. 11,2
 near Grand View

 T7S, R3E, Sec. 12,2
 near Grand View

 T7S, R5E. Sec. 20
 seven miles SW of Bruneau, apparently extirpated

 T3N, R2E, Sec. 15,35
 SESW & Goise Foothills

 T9N, R5W, Sec. 15,35
 SESW & Doise Foothills

 T9N, R5W, Sec. 23
 SNEW hidtor record, eight miles NE of Payette

 T10N, R5W, Sec. 21
 SNMW,28
 NNWNNN,32

 T11N, R5W, Sec. 21
 SNMW,28
 SumWas & SEW Rebecca Sand Hill

Soil Type: Deep sandy soil

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A very deep rooted perennial found on south or west-facing sandy slopes of alluvial deposits and dunelike talus in the foothills. Grows in the sagebrush-grassland life zone at the west end of the Snake River Plain from 2,000-3,000 feet. Blooms from May to June.

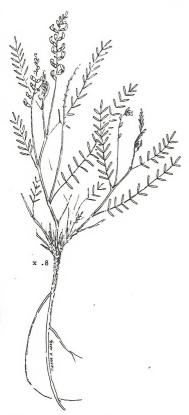
Threats: Urbanization and grazing. It appears to be destroyed by grazing and is now only found in pristine sites.

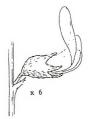
Key Characteristics

Flowers white, 6-8 mm long Leaflets 15-25, scattered Pods 10-16 mm long with a 3-sided cross-section



Mulford's Milk-Vetch





Astragalus sterilis (Barren Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Threatened status

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon

Idaho T15, R5W, Sec. 30 NWNE 1/2 mile N of McBride Creek Road, E of Hwy 95 728, R6W, Sec. 11 one mile from OR-ID border, Upper Dry Creek

Soil Type: Barren diatomaceous earth or volcanic ash within the Succor Creek Formation

Habitat and Ecology: A rhizomatous, wiry perennial of ash soils not breaking down into clay. On bluffs and knolls at 4,000-4,300 feet in Idaho. Associated with bitterbrush and Sandberg bluegrass. The plant was relocated in Idaho in 1986 for the first time since 1948. Its fine, wiry appearance and sparse leaves make it difficult to locate. Active mining claims cover the entire area at the Dry Creek site, and the McBride Creek site is mostly within the highway right-of-way. Blooms May and June.

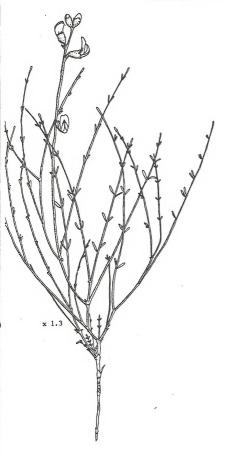
Threats: Mining and off-road vehicles, range improvement projects

Key Characteristics

Pods inflated, papery, purple-mottled Leaves sparse, stems wiry Flowers yellowish Plants rhizomatous

Astragalus sterilis

Barren Milk-Vetch



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Astragalus vallaris (Snake Canyon Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

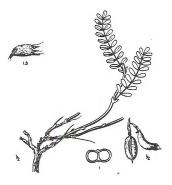
Known Locations: Adams, Washington Counties, Idaho Baker, Malheur Counties, Oregon

Idaho TI4N,R5W, Sec. ? 4th of July Creek TI4N,R5W, Sec. 8 Dennett Creek by Brownlee Reservoir TI4N, R7W, Sec. 23 Sumac Creek by Brownlee Reservoir TI4N, R4W, Sec. 325W,4 NESE Summer Creek T16N, R4W, Sec. 13,35 Wildhorse River NW of Weiser (historic record) In disturbed area by road-cut at airstrip, Hells Canyon Reservoir

Soil Type: Clay loam of basaltic origin

Habitat and Ecology: A low-growing perennial on steep, south-facing hillsides in bitterbrush and bluebunch wheatgrass communities in the Snake River Canyon. Of the few known sites, their presence on range in good condition may indicate that livestock grazing has been responsible for severely reducing the number of populations. Blooms early, from April to June. In 1984, most plants were already in fruit by mid-May.

Threats: Overgrazing and range improvement programs

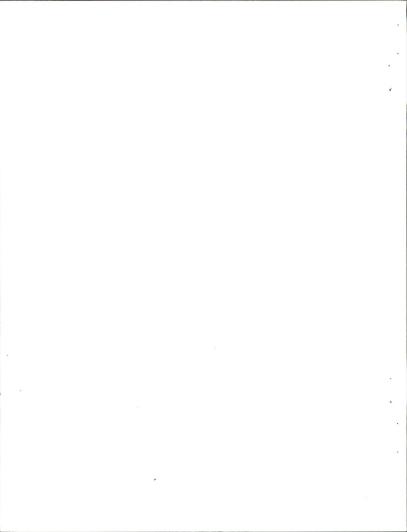




Key Characteristics

Flowers whitish, ± 2 cm long Large, fleshy pods 2.4-4 cm long Pods elevated on thick stipes Pods contracted at both ends,

and very thick and sturdy



Astragalus yoder-williamsii (Osgood Mountains Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Threatened status.

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Humboldt County, Nevada (one site)

 Idaho
 T75, R2W, Sec. 6,7 4 miles N of Triangle
 T85, R1W, Sec. 36 NW Battle Creek
 T95, R1W, Sec. 3,8,10 (sites uncertain and unable to be relocated, N of Big Springs Ranch)
 T105, R3W, Sec. 2,6 NW Hurry Back Creek, Owyhee Mtns.
 T105, R5W, Sec. 21,23 NW,31 East of Pleasant Valley Creek, Owyhee Mtns.
 T105, R5W, Sec. 21,36 South of the North Fork Owyhee River
 T115, R4W, Sec. 11,14 Smith Creek

Soil Type: In Idaho on fine loamy, mixed, frigid Typic Argesoll soils. In Nevada on decomposed granitic gravel

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A dwarf, densely tufted perennial from mixed low sage and lower elevation mountain big sage-rabbitbrush sites. Also found on rhyolitic gravel soils in low sage-Eriogonum habitat. Elevational range is from 5,200 to 6,000 feet. In the field, particularly when dry, its visual appearance is similar to a clump of Idaho fescue. Blooms from May to June

Threats: Off-road vehicle use on the easily erodable soils, mining

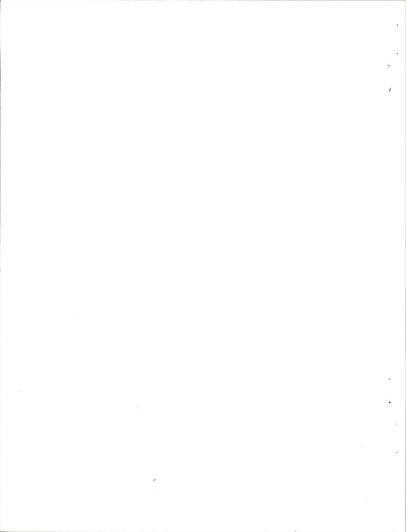




Key Characteristics

Flowers whitish, 4.5-6.2 mm long Leaf stalks stiff and straight, grass-like Leaflets minute Pods distinctive, 3-sided, small, 4-7 mm long Plants dwarf





Camassia cusickii (Cusick's Camas)

Family: Liliaceae (Lily)

Status: Federal Category 3C and Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Flant Lists

Known Locations: Ada, Adams, Gem, Washington Counties Baker County, Oregon

Idaho T2N, R&W, Sec. 22 or 23 about 4 miles SSE of Marsing, probably extirpated T8N, RlW, Sec. 13,24 or 25 Squaw Butte (historic record) T17N, R5W, Sec. 27 or 28 Warm Springs Creek, Brownlee Reservoir T18N, R4W, Sec. 3 SWN,4 SENE K ENESE,9 WNSW & SESW,10 NEME,21 SWNW,33 SWSE T19N, R4W, Sec. 17,20 West of Oxbow Dam Spillway Snake River, just below Oxbow Dam (1974 historic record) One mile N of Oxbow Bridge (historic record, no longer present)

Soil Type: Silt loam of basaltic origin

Habitat and Ecology: Perennial liliaceous plant found on steep, moist slopes and terraces and basaltic cliffs, and in portions of streams with slow-moving water. Within the bitterbrush and bluebunch wheatgrass communities of the Snake River Canyon. Historically found in open meadows in Oregon. Populations found in 1985 were grazed by cattle. Blooms April to July, dependent upon elevation. (If located, dig up the bulb for positive identification.)

Threats: Livestock grazing

Key Characteristics

A <u>very</u> large blue Camas Leaves 10 or more Leaves broad, 10-40 mm Bulbs clustered, 5-10 cm long and ill-smelling



Carex aboriginum (Indian Valley Sedge)

Family: Cyperaceae (Sedge)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) believed to be extinct

Known Locations: Adams County, Idaho

Approximately T14N, R1W, 10 miles E of Cambridge Indian Valley, collected on July 12, 1899 (type collection) This collection is in the New York Botanical Gardens Herbarium

Soil Type: "Dry gumbo soil wet in the spring"

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: This species appears to occur in gumbo soil, but with so few collections little more can be said. It grows at approximately 2,700 to 3,000 feet elevation. "This species needs field investigation and may be extinct, but the notably rich representation of the Cyperaceae in the type locality suggests that it may still exist," taken from the 1981 "Red Book," <u>Vascular Plant Species of Concern in Idaho.</u> Indian Valley Sedge has been unsuccessfully searched for by Heritage Program botanists in the last several years. More field work should be done in the Indian Valley area in late June or July to determine if the plant is still present. It probably occurs on private lands.

Threats: None known

Key Characteristics

Stems loosely clustered from short rhizomes Plants 15-80 centimeters tall Achene bract (perigynia) inflated, with a bidentate beak



Chaenactis cusickii (Cusick's False Yarrow)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Priority 1 on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho (probably extinct in Canyon County) Malheur County, Oregon (8 known sites)

Idaho TIS, R&W, Sec. 6 Shares Basin TIS, R&W, Sec. 13,19 center Sec. 13 is a historic site, S. 19 is by McBride Creek TIS, R6W, Sec. 1, 1.5 miles N of The Rocks State Station on Sands Basin Road TIN, R&W, Sec. 3,4 1937 collection, "Squaw Creek, above Blackstock Ranch", section numbers not certain T2N, R&W, Sec. 22,07 23 about 4 miles SSE of Marsing, historic record T2N, R&W, Sec. 22,27 near Jump Creek Canyon

Soil Type: Loose volcanic ash with a small pick up of clay

Habitat and Ecology: An annual found in dry, open places on volcanic ash soils, particularly of the Succor Creek Ash variety. Fairly restricted to this soil type, though not as much as most volcanic ash plants. Elevational range is from 2,400 to 4,100 feet, more commonly in the lower range in Atriplex-Wyoming big sage zone. Flower is similar to that of the common false yarrow (<u>C. douglasii</u>), but Cusick's false yarrow is an annual, has entire leaves, and is of smaller stature. Blooms April to May.

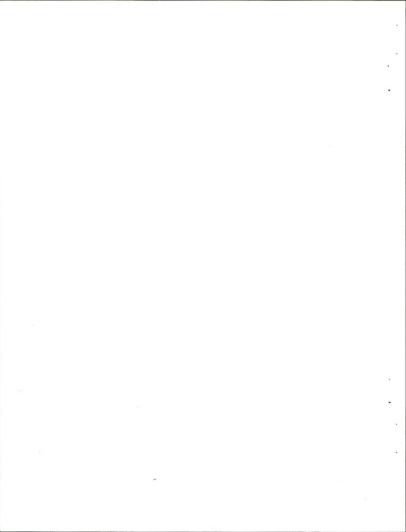
Threats: Off-road vehicles and mining of the substrate to line irrigation ditches.





Key Characteristics

Flowers white to whitish > Plant less than 10 cm tall Leaves entire Stem sparsely woolly



Cryptantha propria (Malheur Cryptantha)

Family: Boraginaceae (Borage)

Status: Review species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Owyhee, Payette (?) Counties, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon

Idaho T25, R4W, Sec. 24 NWNE Summit of low hill W of Reynolds Creek crossing Snake River bluffs, 1932 record Squaw Creek, 1938 record Marsing, 1936 record 18 miles below Weiser, 1910 record

Soil Type: Bare soil, ash, and clay slopes

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial of dry open hillsides in the sagebrushgrassland zone from 3,000-4,000 feet. The plant is known from only 6-8 sites in Idaho and Oregon. This may be partly due to the difficulty in determining <u>Cryptantha</u> species, so that many collectors avoid them. It should be searched for and collected to determine its distribution. Blooms April to May.

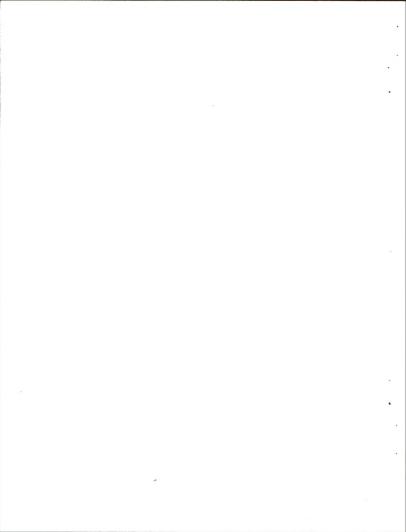
Threats: Range improvement programs, diatomaceous earth mining





Key Characteristics

Flowers white Several to numerous equal erect stems Plants 10-24 cm tall Leaves entire, basal ones densely tufted Fruits are in form of nutlets



Cymopterus acaulis var. greeleyorum (Greeley's Parsley)

Family: Apiaceae (Carrot)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Succor Creek Canvon, Malheur County, Oregon

Idaho T65, R6E, Sec. 22 NENE Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park T65, R6E, Sec. 22 ridge SW of Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park

Soil Type: Sandy soil in Idaho. Known in Oregon only from Succor Creek ash

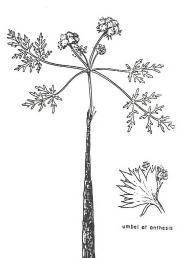
<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A low-growing perennial with a very dense fruiting umbel. Sites in Idaho and Oregon differ greatly, but they are similar in that they undergo a lot of soil movement. The sand is loosely held together while the ash deposits that have weathered to clay shrink and swell greatly. The ash sites support other rare plants such as <u>Mentzelia mollis</u> and <u>Chaenactis cusickii</u>, while most other plant species will not grow there. On sandy sites it is associated with Indian ricegrass and prickly plox in the Wyoning big sage-grassland zone. This variety is distinguished from the common var. <u>acaults</u> by its bright yellow flowers (rather than white). Blooms March and April.

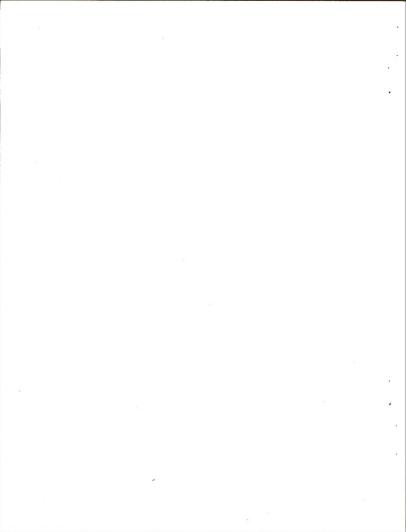
Threats: Off-road vehicles



Key Characteristics

Restricted habitat Flowers yellow Ultimate leaf segments are larger than those of the typical variety





Dimersia howellii (Dimersia)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Federal Category 3C and Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

<u>Known Locations</u>: Owyhee County, Idaho Harney, Malheur Counties, Oregon Elko, Humboldt, Washoe Counties, Nevada California (present in two NE counties)

Idaho T15, R5W, Sec. 6,34 Shares Basin; the divide between Squaw & Reynold's Crk T15, R5W, Sec. 13 center South of Shares Basin T35, R3W, Sec. 10 NENE near Dryden Creek and SE of Reynolds T95, R6W, Sec. 36 near North Fork Owyhee River crossing T105, R5W, Sec. 6 near North Fork crossing T105, R6W, Sec. 1 just N of Fairylawn above N. Fork Owyhee River

Soil Type: Volcanic gravel, cinder size

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A dwarf, cushion-like annual in the sunflower family. Found on dry, gravelly or rocky volcanic soil at low to mid elevations in the mountains. In Oregon it is found as low as 3,900 feet, while in Humboldt CO, Nevada it grows on an alpine ridge at 7,600 feet. Its habitat is usually surrounded by sagebrush, but no other plants occur directly with Dimersia except annual buckwheats. Idaho is at the NE edge of plant's range. Blooms from May to July.

Threats: Off-road vehicles. Its habitat protects it from most other hazards.





Key Characteristics

Plowers white to pinkish
or purplish
Plant woolly at base
Leaves entire, spatulate
to ovate
Annual*

Eatonella nivea (White Eatonella)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Monitor species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Custer, Elmore, Owyhee Counties, Idaho Harney, Malheur Counties, Oregon Elko County, Nevada

Idaho T25, R3W, Sec. 17 NE 4 miles NE of Reynolds off Upper Reynolds Crk Road T35, R3H, Sec. 7 Sinker Creek, E of Otter Massacre site T35, R1E, sec. 7 Sinker Creek, E of Otter Massacre site T45, R1E, Sec. 31 Welker Reservoir, NE of Glenn's Ferry T65, R6E, Sec. 16,21 NW SW of Indian Bathrub T55, R4W, Sec. 16,21 NW SW of Indian Bathrub T155, R4W, Sec. 22 NESE South Fork Owyhee River, Coyote Hole vicinity T12N, R19E, Sec. 26 Malm Gulch, 12 miles S of Challis 4 miles S of Challis on steep gravel; 1947 collection

Soil Type: Dry, sandy or volcanic areas as low as 2,500 feet

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A small woolly annual that frequently forms small tufts. Grows on barren ground usually surrounded by sagebrush, from 2,500-4,200 feet. It occurs in the same soil type as the sensitive species <u>Peteria thompsonae</u>. Not well collected or abundant. It may be sensitive to spring trampling. Blooms from May to July.

Threats: Off-road vehicles and grazing





Key Characteristics

Depressed white-woolly annual* Flower rays yellow or purplish Branches from the base forming small tufts Leaves numerous, oblanceolate to spatulate Epipactis gigantea (Giant Helleborine)

Family: Orchidaceae (Orchid)

Status: Priority 2 on the State Sensitive Plant List

<u>Known Locations</u>: Boise, Bonner, Boundary, Clark, Elmore, Idaho, Jerome, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Uncommon in most of the Western states to the Rocky Mtns.

Idaho T5N, R7E, Sec. 24 Middle Fork Boise River T6N, R7E, Sec. 33 S of Idaho City T6N, R11E, Sec. 35 near Atlanta T6N, R5E, Sec. 18, 10 NESE South Fork Payette River T17N, R14Z, Sec. 22 Middle Fork Salmon River T18N, R21E, Sec. 12 T25N, R1E, Sec. 11 T6S, R5E, Sec. 24 Bruneau Murtaugh section of the Snake River Vineyard Lake

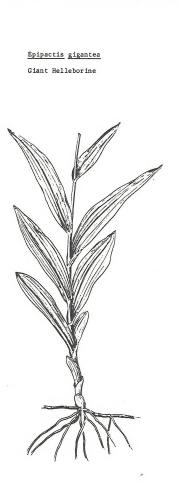
Soil Type: Streambanks and springs, often on calcareous sites

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A rhizomatous orchid with one to many stems. It is restricted to streambanks, springs, and seepage areas, near thermal or cold water, often in otherwise desert regions. Often grows with monkey flowers, spike rushes, and sedges. The plant still has a broad range, but because of its vulnerable habitat, it is rapidly disappearing. Blooms from April to July.

Threats: Development and human disturbance of cold and hot springs, livestock grazing

Key Characteristics

Flowers brownish-purple Plants up to 3 feet tall Leaves numerous, elliptical, broad





Erigeron latus (Broad Fleabane)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) and Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Cassia, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Elko County, Nevada

Idaho

T105, R2W, Sec. 4,6 1946 record; 2 miles SW of Mudflat, on Juniper Mtn. road

T105, R4W, Sec. 20 SE,21 North Fork Pleasant Valley Creek

T12S, R3W, Sec. 15 one mile N of Pleasant Valley Creek

T12S, R4W, Sec. 20(?) NE of Red Rock Canyon

T135, R3W, Sec. 15,22 SWSW & NWNW,27,28 EL/2 of NE1/4,33 between Brace Ranch and the Owyhee River T155, R11E, Sec. 34 Three Creeks, 30 miles WNW of Riddle T155, R12E, Sec. 11 (or adjacent sections) 1949 record

5 miles S of Mudflat

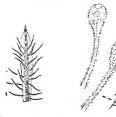
10 miles S of Albion on Mt. Harrison (taxonomy questionable)

Soil Type: On volcanic sands and reddish rhyolitic gravels

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial found in barren places on soils of volcanic origin, usually surrounded by Wyoming big sage and rock outcrops. Associated species include <u>Haplopappus acaulis</u>, a variety of <u>Eriogonums</u>, and sometimes juniper. This plant is easily confused with other species of <u>Erigeron</u>, particularly <u>E</u>. disparipilus and <u>E</u>. nanus. May be more widespread than was once thought. More collections are needed. Blooms from May to July.

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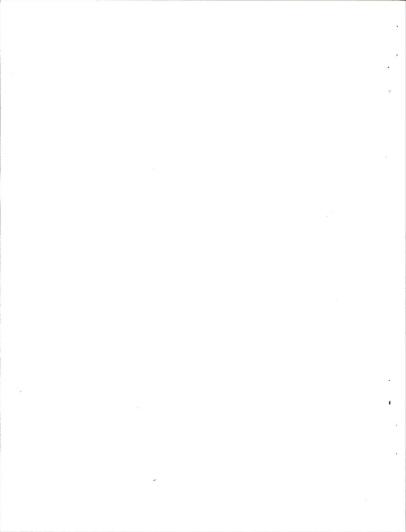
Threats: None known at this time



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Key Characteristics

Flowers pink to purple, heads solitary Plant is 3-8 cm tall Leaves mostly basal, spatulate Herbage with glandular hairs



Eriogonum salicornoides (Annual Salt Eriogonum)

Family: Polygonaceae (Buckwheat)

Status: Review species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Owhyee County, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon

Idaho 6 miles NE of ID/OR line, E of Jump Creek T1N. R5W, Sec. 21 Craters of the Moon National Monument T1N, R24E, Sec. 3 Succor Creek, W side of Homedale T3N, R5W, Sec. 4,8 T5N, R3W, Sec. 17 8 miles N of Middleton T1S, R5W, Sec. 28,30 23 miles S of Marsing T1S, R6W, Sec. 36 3.5 miles NE of Oregon line N of Magic Reservoir, off Hwy 68 T1S, R18E, Sec. 18 T2S, R2W, Sec. 10 4 miles N of Murphy T2S, R3W, Sec. 2 Upper Reynold's Creek 5 miles N of Reynolds, Macks Creek Rd T2S, R4W, Sec. 23 NE 29 miles SW of Marsing, one mile from ID/OR border T2S, R6W, Sec. 11 3 miles N of Oreana T4S, R1E, Sec. 5,10 T4S, R2E, Sec. 25,30 19 miles SE of Murphy and 1.5 miles SE of Castle Crk T5S, R1W, Sec. 8 Hart Creek Canyon T5S, R1E, Sec. 11 E of Oreana T5S, R3E, Sec. 22 1/2 mile SE of Grandview 13.5 miles S of Mountain Home, 1.5 miles N of Snake River T5S, R6E, Sec. 29 T6S, R5E, Sec. 24 Bruneau area 2-6 miles N of Bruneau T6S, R6E, Sec. 10,8 Blackstock Creek T15S, R5W, Sec. 28

Soil Type: Loose, white, ashy clay soil

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An annual buckwheat endemic to SW Idaho and adjacent Oregon. It grows on bare, alkaline soils from 2,600-4,200 feet in shadscalebudsage and Wyoming big sage habitat. The plant is poorly collected and more information is needed. It is very similar to <u>E</u>. <u>vimineum</u>. Blooms April and May.

Threats: Mining, off-road vehicles

Key Characteristics

Annual* Tiny yellow flowers Eriogonum shockleyi var. shockleyi (Matted Cowpie Buckwheat)

Family: Polygonaceae (Buckwheat)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Ada, Owyhee Counties, Idaho

TIS, RLW, Sec. 28 SESE,32 NWNW,35 SENE E of Halverson Lake & N of Swan Falls Dam
TSS, RSE, Sec. 14 N of CJ Strike Wildlife Management Area
T6S, RSE, Sec. 35 SE 2 miles SW of Bruneau
T6S, R6E, Sec. 18,26 one mile N of Bruneau; just S of Bruneau Sand Dunes
State Park, respectively
T6S, R9E, Sec. 8 SSE of Schoffs Island in the Snake River
T7S, R3E, Sec. 4 SENW,5 Shoofly Creek, 10 miles S of Grandview
T7S, R5E, Sec. 1,2,20 S of Bruneau
T7S, R5E, Sec. 1, SWN,18,19 NENE,20 NWNW Sugar Valley Badlands, 3 miles SW of Hot Spring

Soil Type: On gravel benches in lake sediments

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial, mat-forming buckwheat of low elevations from 2,600 to 3,100 feet. In Wyoming big sage-rabbitbrush-Indian ricegrass habitat. Grows on wind-swept buttes of lake sediments where flat benches have formed that are covered with round, smooth gravel. This species is poorly defined taxonomically. More collections should be made. Blooms from May to July.

Threats: None known at this time

Key Characteristics

Flowers creamy white Matted, compact growth form Leaves small, with whitish cast Glyptopleura marginata (White-Margined Wax Plant)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

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Status: Priority 1 on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Ada, Canyon, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Harney, Malheur Counties, Oregon uncommon in California, Nevada, Utah

Idaho T25, RIW, Sec. 9 NW 3 miles E of Guffey Butte, N of Murphy T25, RZW, Sec. 15 1938 record T25, RZE, Sec. 2 1951 record, 12 miles S of Regins T35, RZW, Sec. 22 1953 record, 5 miles S of Murphy

T4S, R1E, Sec. 33 near Foremans Reservoir, 14 miles W of Grand View T7S, R5E, Sec. 34 SW of Bruneau Hot Spring
T7S, R5E, Sec. 20 & Bmiles SW of Bruneau
T7S, R2E, Sec. 14 11 miles S of Grand View
T7S, R2E, Sec. 14 1943 record, 15 miles SW of Grand View
T8S, R5E, Sec. 18 1956 record, 15 miles SW of Bruneau
T16S, R14E, Sec. 29 SENW Player Canyon area SW of Salmon Falls Creek
Reservoir
T2N, R4W, Sec. 17 Nw of Marsing

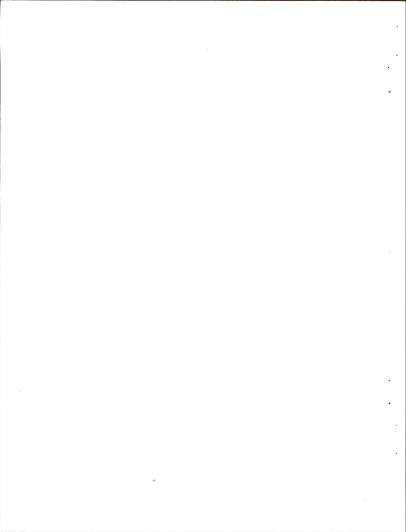
Soil Type: Dry, sandy places, sometimes in loose ash or in small basalt cinder

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A dwarf, tufted winter annual with milky juice and a tap root. Grows in <u>Atriplex-Artemisis</u> habitat on warm, dry micro-sites barren of other vegetation, from 3,000-5,000 feet. This plant has a broad range but is highly infrequent in Idaho, with usually only a small number of individuals in those populations. Blooms from May to June, with flowers open in the morning, reputed to close in mid-afternoon.

Threats: Off-road vehicles, increased agricultural development, range improvement programs, and heavy recreational use in the Hot Springs area.

Key Characteristics

Flowers white or pale yellow, drying to pink Dwarf annual Leaves crowded, pinnately lobed or toothed with a white, waxy margin



Gymnosteris nudicaulis (Large-Flowered Gymnosteris)

Family: Polemoniaceae (Phlox)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

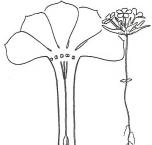
<u>Known Locations</u>: Blaine, Butte, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Lincoln, Minidoka, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Malheur Countv, Orecon

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Soil Type: Sandy to sandy loam, often on volcanic rock

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A weak-stemmed annual that grows in somewhat open, sandy areas in the Basin big sage-grassland zone. Found from 2,700-5,000 feet. The plant was collected much more frequently in the early to mid-1900s than in the past 15 years. It was once noted as common but is now rarely seen. Blooms from April to June.

Threats: Agricultural development, range improvement programs, competition with cheatgrass



Key Characteristics

Flowers showy, vary from white to yellow to lavender Short naked stem Whorl of entire leaves just beneath the flower cluster Gymnosteris parvula (Small-Flowered Gymnosteris)

Family: Polemoniaceae (Phlox)

Status: Review species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Blaine, Lincoln, Owyhee Counties, Idaho Colorado, Oregon, Wyoming, Northern California

Idaho T35, R16E, Sec. 9 NE,16 NE Eastern Bennett Hills, NW of Twin Oaks Reservoir T95, R1E, Sec. 13 NE E of Battle Creek, 30 miles S of Grandview T105, R4W, Sec. 1,20 Nickel Creek Table and Pleasant Valley Alturas Lake T105, R8E, Sec. 15 Winter Camp, East Fork Bruneau River

Soil Type: Shallow, loamy to somewhat cindery or sandy soils

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An annual of open, dry to moderately moist slopes, flars, and drier meadows. Up to high elevations (above 8,000 feet) in California. In Idaho it frequently grows under the protective branches of Basin big sage. Also associated with bluebunch wheatgrass and Sandberg bluegrass at 5,400 to 5,900 feet. More information is needed on this species. Blooms in May and June.

Threats: Trampling by grazing, agricultural development, off-road vehicles, competition with cheatgrass

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Key Characteristics

Small annual Flowers inconspicuous, white to pale yellow or purplish Whorl of leaves below the flower cluster



Hackelia ophiobia (Rattlesnake Stickseed)

Family: Boraginaceae (Borage)

Status: Federal Category 3C and Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon Elko, Humboldt, Washoe Counties, Nevada Idaho

T105, R3W, Deep Creek, SE of Jordan Valley T135, R3W, Sec. 5 Deep Creek T135, R3W, Sec. 5 Deep Creek off the Owyhee River T145, R5W, Sec. 11 NE South Fork Owyhee River T165, R5W, Sec. 16 SW Little Owyhee River, 3 miles N of Nevada line Upper East Fork of the Owhyee River

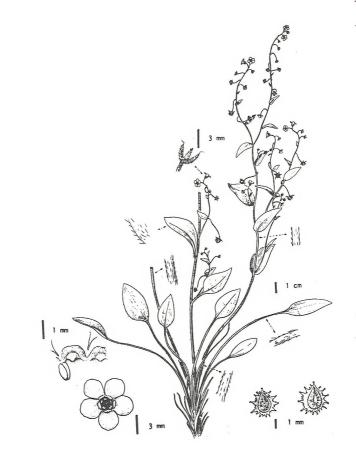
Soil Type: Talus and crevices of rhyolitic rock cliffs

Habitat and Ecology: A slender perennial found on north-facing, well-shaded sites of coarse rhyolitic bluffs and cliffs at 4,000-5,000 feet. Grows in crevices and especially at the base of cliffs, on sites generally barren of other vegetation. Sometimes found with another uncommon species, <u>Artemisia</u> <u>packardiae</u>. Associated vegetation surrounding these sites include basin big sage, Great Basin wild rye, and Louisiana sage. Always grows in areas far from human influences and a look at historic heavy grazing in some sections of the Owyhee River suggest that it may be sensitive to grazing. Blooms from April to June.

Threats: Destruction of habitat by stream water level fluctuation, grazing in the river canyons

Key Characteristics

Flowers blue with a yellow throat Basal leaves broad, ovate, with a truncate base Leaves with long petioles, 2-4 times as long as the blade Shadey, mesic sites and microsites Hackelia ophiobia Rattlesnake Stickseed



Haplopappus radiatus (Snake River Goldenweed)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Threatened status

Known Locations: Washington County, Idaho Baker, Malheur Counties, Oregon (about 35 sites)

Idaho IION, R5W, Sec. 10 about 5 miles SE of Weiser TINN, R5W, Sec. 3 1941 record, N of Weiser by Barton Reservoir TINN, R5W, Sec. 33 (or adjacent sec) just E of Weiser TINN, R5W, Sec. 33 (or adjacent sec) just E of Weiser TIAN, R5W, Sec. 33 (or adjacent sec) just E of Weiser TIAN, R5W, Sec. 31 (or adjacent sec) just E of Weiser TIAN, R5W, Sec. 26 1952 record, S of Brownlee Dam Spillway Nutmeg Mountain E of Weiser 1974 record, only a single plant sighted in '85

Soil Type: Gravelly loam

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial species found in skeletal gravelly loam soils and on steep rocky hillsides in basin big sage-bluebunch wheatgrassarrowleaf balsamroot habitat. Also in Sandberg bluegrass communities dominated by annuals. Frequently plants are found with heavy insect predation, and appear very sensitive to it. It is told from the wider ranging H. carthamoides by its larger size, broader basal leaves, and the greater number of rays (about 34). Blooms from June to July.

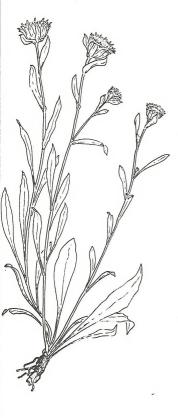
Threats: Competition with exotic annuals, grazing, and wild fires

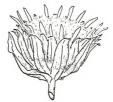
Key Characteristics

Yellow flowers, heads broad Plants very robust Basal leaves 5-20 cm wide Leaves tough and leathery

Haplopappus radiatus

Snake River Goldenweed





Lepidium davisii (Davis Peppergrass)

Family: Brassicaceae (Mustard)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Threatened status

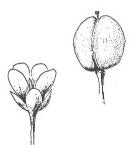
Known Locations: Ada, Elmore, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon

Idaho see next page

Soil Type: Hard bottom playas

Habitat and Ecology: A caespitose perennial found only in very hard bottom playas that are usually barren of other vegetation. They are poorly drained and often inundated with standing water early in the spring. On rare occasions a few shadscale and silver sage plants may grow in the playas. Playas are located in Wyoming big sage-Fourwing saltbush-Sandberg bluegrass habitat at 2,900 to 5,000 feet. Populations vary in leaf shape, size, and time of flowering, and may be genetically distinct populations because of the plant's short-distance dispersal mechanism. Blooms from April to as late as August.

Threats: Water storage pond development, spring livestock trampling, off-road vehicles, military tanks, and some range rehabilitation projects





Key Characteristics

White, 4 petaled flowers Fleshy entire to toothed to pinnately lobed leaves Plant can become quite "woody" Only found on playas Lepidium davisii sites known as of November 3, 1987 (approx. 65 total) T14S. R6E. Sec. 2 E1/2.22 SESE.23 SESW T14S, R15E, Sec. 23 NWNE, 31 SE, 32 SW T13S, R46E, Sec. 2, 3 T13S, R6E, Sec. 3,18,22 NW,23 NW,27 T12S, R7E, Sec. 6 SE,18 SW T12S, R6E, Sec. 13 SE T11S, R6E, Sec. 2 SENW, 22 SE T10S, R7E, Sec. 33 SENW T10S, R6E, Sec. 11 NW & NE,22 SWSW T10S. R5E. Sec. 23 NW T10S, R4E, Sec. 9 SWSE,17 SESE,21 T5S, R6E, Sec. 9,17,19,21 T5S, R5E, Sec. 6 T4S. R6E. Sec. 9, 29 T4S, R5E, Sec. 1, 2, 6, 17, 18, 31 T4S, R4E, Sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 27, (playa in Sec. 4 overlaps into Sec. 9) T4S, R.3E, Sec. 1, 12 T3S, R5E, Sec. 20, 35 T3S. R4E. Sec. 28, 31, 33, 36 T3S, R3E, Sec. 23 NWSE, 27 T3S, R2E, Sec. 11 NE,21 SESE,31 NENE T2S, R2E, Sec. 11 SESE

Lepidium montanum var. papilliferum (Montane Peppergrass)

Family: Brassicaceae (Mustard)

Status: Priority 1 on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Payette Counties, Idaho

*TIS. R4E. Sec. 14 NWNW 1987 record, ict. of freeway and Simco Road T3S, R6E, Sec. 23 (or 26,35) 1934 record, Mountain Home T5S, R6E, Sec. 9 1940 record, S of Mountain Home T5S, R7E, Sec. 24 1947 record, W of Hammett T5S, R9E, Sec. 18 1940 record, N of Hammett T2N, R1W, Sec. 24 1955 record, 7 miles S of Meridian T3N, R2W, Sec. 23 1897 record, Nampa T3N, R2E, Sec. 2 E1/2 of SW1/4, 12 1972 record, Boise foothills T3N, R3E, Sec. 20 1953 record, SE of Table Rock T4N, R1E, Sec. 13 1934 record, N of Garden City T4N, R3E, Sec. 10 1936 record, near Boise Peak *T5N, R3W, Sec. 6 1974 record, Sand Hollow SW of Emmett T5N, R5W, Sec. 10 1938 record, just E of Parma T6N, R2W, Sec. 8 1947 record, 4 miles W of Emmett T7N, R1W, Sec. 19 1911 record, 3 miles N of Emmett T8N, R4W, Sec. 33 1910 record, near New Plymouth along the Boise River near Caldwell 1954 record * = the only recent records

Soil Type: On bare, shallow natric sites

Habitat and Ecology: A perennial mustard of bare, shallow natric soil sites or tiny playas in the Wyoming big sage-grassland zone. The plant is probably extinct in some Idaho counties already, as most collections are historic and many of the old sites have been developed. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Land and agricultural developments, salt lick placement

Key Characteristics

Flowers white, 4 petals Leaves pinnate Stamen stalks bearded-(distinguished from the more common variety by this) Leptodactylon glabrum (Bruneau River Prickly Phlox)

Family: Polemoniaceae (Phlox)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Threatened status

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Pershing, Humboldt Counties, Nevada (3 sites) <u>Idaho</u> T105, R7E, Sec. 35 T145, R8E, Sec. 5 Cougar Creek on the Jarbidge River T155, R7E, Sec. 19 NE Starts here in the Bruneau River Canyon and goes intermittently for 30 miles downstream

Soil Type: Rhyolitic canyon walls, rock ledges and cliffs

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A matted perennial that is always found on vertical or underhung rhyolific canyon walls. Found along the Bruneau River from 2,800 to 4,800 feet. New growth comes out of last year's stalks. It is pollinated at night by a moth, and is intolerant of growing in seepage areas or ephemeral water paths in rock crevices. Blooms from April to July.

Threats: A dam on the Bruneau River would be its only threat

Key Characteristics

White to cream colored flowers Matted growth form that can be very large Prickly, narrow leaves Restricted habitat Lupinus uncialis (Inch High Lupine)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Harney, Malheur Counties, Oregon Elko, Humboldt Counties, Nevada

Idaho

T145, R5W, Sec. 23 South Fork Owyhee River, below mouth of Little Owyhee R. T155, R4W, Sec. 19 NESE,21 NW,22 Coyote Hole T165, R4W, Sec. 13 South Fork Owyhee River in vicinity of Bull Camp

Soil Type: Barren loose rhyolitic cinder and gravel

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A tiny desert annual that grows in barren rhyolitic cinder on level terraces in the sagebrush-grassland zone. From 3,100 feet in Oregon up to 5,600 feet in Idaho. It was first found in Idaho in 1981, and there are now three known sites. The plant appears to be more common in Nevada and Oregon than in Idaho. Blooms April to May.

Threats: Off-road vehicles, road building, and placement of salt licks

Key Characteristics

Tiny 1 inch tall annual with white and purple flowers Palmate leaves Rhyolitic cinder habitat Only one seed per capsule Malacothrix glabrata (Desert Dandelion)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: Canyon, Owyhee Counties, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon Arizona, California

Idaho IZN, R3M Dautrick Memorial Property, S of Lake Lowell T35, R2W, Sec. 2 1963 record, 2 miles S of Murphy T35, R1E, Sec. 7, 29,31 SE above Sinker Creek T55, R3E, Sec. 17 (or adjacent) 1951 record, W of Grand View T55, R1LE, Sec. 7 1911 record, E of Glenn's Ferry T65, R6E, Sec. 11,32 1963 record, Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park and SE of Bruneau T75, R5E, Sec. 3 11 miles S of Grand View T75, R5E, Sec. 3 10 miles Sw of Bruneau

Soil Type: Barren sandy or ashy hills

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An annual found on dry, somewhat barren sandy or ashy sites in gray rabbitbrush-<u>Nama eretioides</u> habitat, from 2,900-3,700 feet. The plant appears to be capable of storing water in its roots. It is occassionally found with several other uncommon plants. It is distinguished from the similar, common dandelion by its leafy stem and usually multiple heads. Stems are from 10-60 cm tall. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Off-road vehicles

Key Characteristics

Flowers yellow Pinnately dissected leaves with linear lobes Stems leafy at or near the base



Malacothrix torreyi (Torrey's Malacothrix)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Review species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Canyon, Custer, Owyhee Counties, Idaho Malheur, Harney Counties, Oregon Arizona, Nevada, Southern Wyoming, S. Utah

Idaho T3N, RSW, Sec. 2 SENE behind Trueblood farm near Homedale T14N, R18E, Sec. 3 NW of Challis T25, R3W, Sec. 29 NW near Reynolds Creek T35, R1E, Sec. 25 along Snake River below Wild Horse Butte T75, R2E, Sec. 23 SE near Ferjue Canyon S of Grandview T165, R4W, Sec. 13 Bull Camp

Soil Type: Reports vary from sandy to gravelly on top of lacustrine to clay ash soils

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An annual known from dry desert areas, occasionally growing with bud sage. In Utah it is found in the sait desert shrub community. In Idaho it has been collected from 2,600 up to 5,800 feet, but still within the sait desert shrub community. The plant has a wide range but is <u>infrequent</u> throughout. It is usually from 10-30 centimeters tall, and the leaf shape distinguishes it from the preceding <u>Malacothrix</u> glabrata. Blooms May and June.

Threats: Range improvement projects, off-road vehicles



Key Characteristics

Annual Flowers yellow Pinnately dissected leaves with irregularly toothed lobes



Mentzelia mollis (Smooth Stickleaf)

Family: Loasaceae (Blazing Star)

Status: Federal Category II (C2) recommended for Endangered status

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Malheur County. Oregon (4 sites)

Idaho IIS, RSW, Sec. 4,20 1959 record, about 15 miles W of Walter's Ferry TIS, RSW, Sec. 9 NW,19 center,31 N1/2 about 15 miles W of Walter's Ferry TIS, RSW, Sec. 34 1946 record, between Squaw and McBride Creeks T28, RSW, Sec. 36 W of Reymolds T38, RSW, Sec. 7 Jump Creek, 6 miles NE of the ID-OR border, approximately T1N, RSW

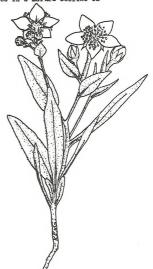
Soil Type: Green, brown, white, or grey volcanic ash derived from the Succor Creek Formation

Habitat and Ecology: A low annual that is highly selective in its soil-type preference and habitat requirements and has a very narrow range (30 x 15 miles). Elevations for the sites are 4,200-4,600 feet in the Wyoming big sage-Shadacale zone. Associated species on the barren sites are few and include povertyweed, <u>Phacelia lutes</u>, and sometimes <u>Chaenactis cusickii</u> (another sensitive species). Even though it is an annual, continued destruction of its required habitat has resulted in a marked decline in population size. Blooms May and June.

Threats: Off-road vehicle activities and range improvement programs (several sites already disturbed by these activities)

Key Characteristics

Petals narrowly ovate, bright yellow flowers Plant 5-12 cm tall Leaves entire, oblanceolate Volcanic ash endemic Annual



Mentzelia torreyi var. acerosa (Torrey's Blazing Star)

Family: Loasaceae (Blazing Star)

Status: Priority one on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Ada, Elmore, Gooding, Owyhee, Twin Falls Counties, Idaho Mono County, California Newada

Idaho T2S. RIE. Sec. 17 1946 record, Snake River Canyon T5S, R12E, Sec. 6 SW 8 miles E of King's Hill T6S, R3E, Sec. 27 1946 record, 5 miles S of Grandview 1956 record, Sugar Creek, SW of Bruneau T6S, R5E, Sec. 33 T6S, R11E, Sec. 7 NE,22 SW of Bliss T6S, R13E, Sec. 33 NE on Snake River, across from mouth of Malad River T7S, R3E, Sec. 4 SENW,5 10 miles S of Grandview T7S. R6E. Sec. 3,26,34,36 NE of Indian Bathtub T8S, R5E, Sec. 19 1971 record, about 10 miles SW of Bruneau T85, R6E, Sec. 3.9 1947 record, Indian Bathtub area T8S, R13E, Sec. 10 SENW near Thousand Springs T8S, R14E, Sec. 29 SENW, 32 1949 record, several miles W of Buhl T9S, R5E, Sec. 5 1964 record, 17 miles S of Bruneau T9S, R14E, Sec. 10 near mouth of Mud Creek T95, R15E, Sec. ? Snake River Canyon, 10 miles NW of Filer area below the Bliss Dam Guffey Butte several sites along Salmon Falls Creek

Soil Type: Barren sandy lacustrine soil or volcanic cinder

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A caespitose perennial of barren sandy or volcanic soils from 2,900-3,500 feet in Idaho. It is typically found in the Wyoming big sage-grassland zone or shadscale zone, and often grows with shadscale, <u>Nama</u> sp., and white-stemmed blazing star. Southern Idaho is the northern limit of its range. In late summer and fall the plant is still easily recognized and often breaks loose, blowing around like a very small tumbleweed. Blooms May and June.

Threats: Off-road vehicles, increased agricultural development

Key Characteristics

Branched spiny white pubescent stems and leaves Flowers orange Nemacladus rigidus (Rigid Thread-Stem)

Family: Campanulaceae

Status: Monitor species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Harney, Malheur Counties, Oregon NE California, N Nevada

Idaho T2S, R3W, Sec. 32 SE 10 miles W of Murphy, 1.5 miles E of Reynolds

Soil Type: Loose, sandy, cindery or ashy outcrops, cracks in basalt, or in dried mud

Habitat and Ecology: An exceedingly infrequent annual, known to have been collected only twice in Idaho. Known from the shadscale-sagebrush zone, the plant has been collected at 3,700 feet in Oregon up to 6,500 feet in California. Annuals are unpredictble in their occurrence, making them difficult to inventory or monitor. This species should be watched for and its sites protected from all hazards. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Off-road vehicles, range improvement programs



Key Characteristics

Compact annual to 10 cm tall Herbage dark greenish-purple or brownish-purple Stems spreading, often multi-branched Flowers white, inconspicuous Pediocactus simpsonii var. robustior (Simpson's Hedgehog Cactus)

Family: Cactaceae (Cactus)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

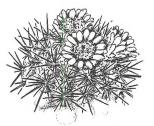
Known Locations: Cassia, Idaho, Nez Perce, Owyhee Counties, Idaho Colorado, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming

Idaho TS2, R3W, Sec. 16 NE N of Reynolds T85, R3W, Sec. 23,24,13 West Fork Shoofly Creek T85, R2E, Sec. 27,31,35 John's Pasture, Little Jack's Creek T95, R2E, Sec. 27,31,35 John's Pasture, Little Jack's Creek T105, R4E, Sec. 43,12,9 Witchahoney Creek T125, R5W, Sec. 31,32 W of Grasmere T135, R5W, Sec. 6 W of Red Canyon Reynolds Creek, half-way up Juniper Mountain, SE and E of Red Canyon near City of Rocks, SE Idaho

Soil Type: Dry rocky or sandy soil

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: Grows on benches and canyon rims on rocky or sandy soil. Associated with low sage, bud sage, Sandberg bluegrass, and <u>Erigeron</u> <u>bloomeri</u>. This cactus variety is relatively widespread in southern Idaho, and even though it is somewhat protected by its habitat, it may be exploited by cactus collectors.

Threats: Commercial collectors





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Key Characteristics

Only barrel cactus in S. Idaho Pink flowers Peraphyllum ramosissimum (Squaw Apple)

Family: Rosaceae (Rose)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

<u>Known Locations</u>: Washington County, Idaho Nye County, Nevada Baker, Grant, Malheur Counties, Oregon California, S Utah

Idaho

T11N, R4W, Sec. 13 SWSW,24 NW 12 miles E of Weiser T13N, R5W, Sec. 14 SE,23 NE,25 NE,35 near Sage Creek, 15 miles NE of Weiser T14N, R5W, Sec. 33 1938 record T15N, R5W, Sec. 33 1938 record S of Sturgill Peak and about 10 miles E of Brownlee Reservoir Mann Creek, toward headwaters N of Weiser, historic record

Soil Type: Clayey silt of volcanic origin

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A shrub of dry slopes, either brushy or open, in the sagebrush-grassland and mountain brush zones. This is a browse species highly selected for by both livestock and wildlife. Livestock over-browsing and trampling of seedlings may be a threat to the remaining isolated Idaho populations. The plant is fairly abundant in one drainage on the Oregon side of the Snake River. Its limited occurrence on the Idaho side possibly illustrates dispersal problems within the species. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Over-grazing, particularly warm season grazing by livestock



Key Characteristics

Shrub

Flowers white to pink Fruits fleshy, apple-like, small, red in color Leaves alternate, entire or minutely serrate



Peteria thompsonae (Spine-Noded Milk-Vetch)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Status: Federal Category 3C and Priority 2 on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Arizona Southern Nevada Southern Utah

Idaho

T75, R6E, Sec. 34 SWNESW just N of Indian Bathtub T85, R6E, Sec. 3,9 SW,21 NW Off Blackstone-Grasmere Road, near and S of Indian Bathtub T85, R5E, Sec. 18 1956 record. 13 miles S of Bruneau

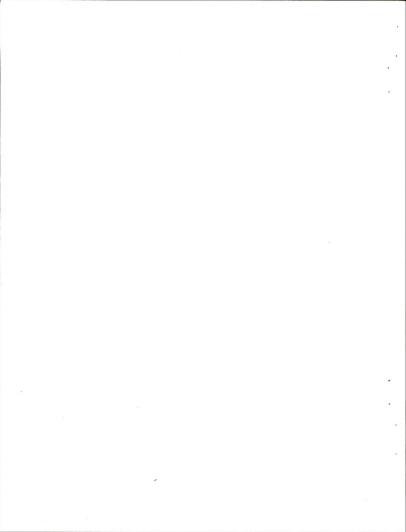
Soil Type: Small, marble-sized volcanic cinder

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: A perennial disjunct of barren areas with thin cinder soils. At low elevations in Idaho from 2,600-3,200 feet. Found with purple sage, shadscale, and annual Eriogonums. Up to 5,800 feet in southern Utah, where it is found in the pinyon-juniper and mixed desert shrub communities. Our one Idaho population is apparently a small disjunct population. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Heavy recreational use of the nearby Indian Bathtub, off-road vehicles, and concentrated riparian grazing use of the adjacent area

Key Characteristics

Small, sharp spines at leaf bases Flowers white to yellowish Pods straight, flattened Pods 1.5-3 inches long



Phacelia lutea var. calva (Malheur Yellow Phacelia)

Family: Hydrophyllaceae (Waterleaf)

Status: Sensitive on the BLM and State Sensitive Plant Lists

Known Locations: N Owyhee County, Idaho NW Humboldt County, Nevada E Malheur County, Oregon

Idaho TIS, R5W, Sec. 9 NW,19 center,28,30 about 21-25 miles SW of Marsing TIS, R6W, Sec. 36 1959 record T25, R6W, Sec. 14 Succor Creek T35, R6W, Sec. 14 Succor Creek TIS5, R5W, Sec. 28 Blackstone Spring TIN, R6W, Sec. 13 W1/2,22,24 6-8 miles SW of Marsing T2N, R5W, Sec. 27 Jump Creek Canyon, 8 miles SW of Marsing T2N, R5W, Sec. 26,35 NE just E of the Oregon-Idaho border

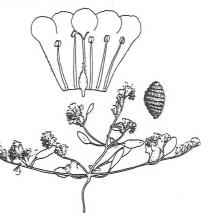
Soil Type: Loose volcanic ash mixed with some clay

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An annual that is freely branched at the base, laying prostrate and forming mats on the soil, sometimes up to 1.5 feet across. It is restricted to volcanic ash soils in the Wyoming big sage-Sandberg bluegrass-bluebunch wheatgrass or sail desert shrub zones. It frequently grows in monoculture because few plant species can grow in the unstable ashy soils. However, it has been found with <u>Mentzelia mollis</u>, another rare annual. This variety is difficult to separate from the others, which can grow intermixed in population sites. They may not be separate heterogenes, or varieties. More studies need to be done and specimens collected so that the specimes can be revaluated. Blooms May to June.

Threats: Off-road vehicles, mining

Key Characteristics

Restricted to ash soils Flowers yellow to orange, 5-7 mm long Prostrate and sometimes mat-forming This variety has glabrous herbage, or is glandular only in the inflorescence



Phacelia minutissima (Least Phacelia)

Family: Hydrophyllaceae (Waterleaf)

Status: Priority 2 on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Camas, Owyhee Counties, Idaho Elko County, Nevada Wallowa Mountains, Oregon

Idaho

T45, R3W, Sec. 7 SENW 1972 record, N of Slack Mountain on powerline road Soldier Mountains, two sites, 1900 record

Soil Type: ? Moist sites

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An annual of moist open places at middle elevations in the mountains. Reportedly found in mountain big sage-aspen communities, at 6,400 feet in the Owyhee Mountains. The plant is known from only four disjunct locations, two of those being in Idaho, where it hasn't been collected since 1972. The plant should be searched for, its habitat defined, mapped, and avoided by any projects that would disturb the vegetation. Blooms in July.

Threats: Uncertain

Key Characteristics

Annual* Plant grows to 10 cm tall Flower inconspicuous, lavender





Primula wilcoxiana (Wilcox's Primrose)

Family: Primulaceae (Primrose)

Status: Federal Category 3b and a Review species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Ada, Boise, Elmore, Gem Counties, Idaho

T1N, R6E, Sec. 11 Long Gulch Creek, 2.5 miles NW of Danskin Peak T1N, R8E, Sec. 30 SWSW Granite Creek, along road to Smith Prairie T2N, R7E, Sec. 7,8,11 NE,31 South Fork Boise River T3N, R2E, Sec. 2 center at end of Eastway Street on N end of Boise T3N, R4E, Sec. 21 Mouth of Mores Creek T3N, R6E, Sec. 31 opposite Soap Creek, above the South Fork Boise River T4N, R2E, sec. 14 west of center, 15, 36 NESW Boise foothills T4N. R3E. Sec. 20 SWSW, 31 NESW Boise foothills T5N. R2E. Sec. 24 T6N, R1W, Sec. 30 1-2 miles S of Emmett T6N, R2W, Sec. 25 NESW near Emmett T7N, R2E, Sec. 28 near Horseshoe Bend 1/2 mile E of Banks on the South Fork Payette River T9N, R3E, Sec. ? T1S, R6E, Sec. 3 Willow Creek, 5 miles SW of Danskin Peak TIS, R11E, Sec. ? 3.3 miles S of the Hill City Store

Soil Type: Moist hillsides of loamy soils, often with clay

<u>Habitat and Ecology</u>: An early-blooming pernnial found on steep, north-facing slopes in the mountain big sage-Idaho fescue and bitterbrush-sagebrush zone. It frequently grows in snowdrift areas on mats of moss. Its leaves are very similar to those of the shooting star, which occupies the same habitat, and the two are difficult to tell apart without flowers. The taxonomy of this group has not been worked out. <u>Primula cusickiana</u> is very similar and the two species might be lumped in the future, in which case neither would be considered rare. A thorough search for new populations of this taxon is needed. Blooms March and April.

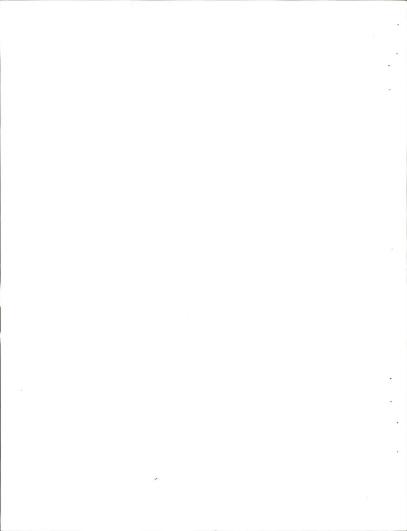
Threats: Heavy grazing in spring, increasing housing developments, off-road vehicles



Key Characteristics

Flowers bluish-violet to purplish Leaves entire Plants to 9 cm tall





Stipa webberi (Webber's Needlegrass)

Family: Poaceae (Grass)

Status: Monitor species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Blaine, Elmore, Gooding Counties, Idaho E. California, Nevada, SE Oregon, one site in Colorado

Idaho T35, Ri2E, Sec. 4 SE,7,9 Dempsey Creek area S of Hill City T165, Ri4E, Sec. 2 Salmon Falls Creek drainage T1N, R21E, Sec. 13 NW T1N, R23E, Sec. 2,3,34 East of Carey

Soil Type: Shallow clay soils over basalt

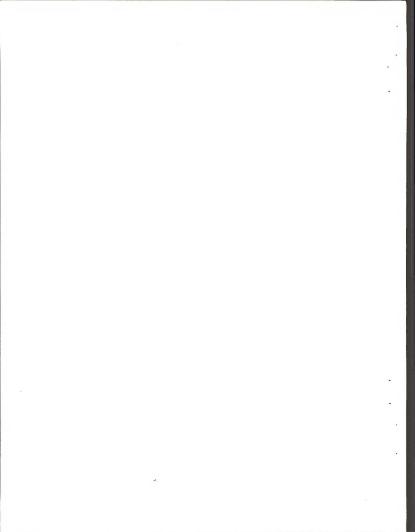
<u>Habitat and Ecology:</u> A low, densely tufted perennial that occurs in both monoculture stands on fairly barren shallow clay soil and mixed within <u>Eriogonum thymoides</u> plant communities. These shallow sites dry up by late spring. The awn on this grass is deciduous, making its identification difficult. All sites visited in Idaho are at approximately 5,000 feet, and consist of small islands of populations, occurring in areas that are internally drained. The plant has been treated as an <u>Oryzopsis</u> in the past. Flowers from June to August.

Threats: Overgrazing or even moderate grazing may eliminate this palatable grass species



Key Characteristics

Low tufted perennial Deciduous straight awn



Stylocline filaginea (Hooked Stylocline)

Family: Asteraceae (Composite)

Status: Monitor species on the State Sensitive Plant List

Known Locations: Blaine, Elmore, Lincoln, Owyhee, Washington Counties, Idaho California, NE Nevada, SE Oregon

Idaho T15, R&F, Sec. 1 1.5 miles N of The Rocks Stage Station, S of Homedale T15, R&E, Sec. 9 1943 record, 2 miles S of Regina T35, R0E, Sec. 1 center Little Canyon, 22 miles N of Clenn's Ferry T35, R10E, Sec. 19 by Canyon Creek, 17.5 miles N of Glenn's Ferry T35, R11E, Sec. 3 SW E of King Hill Creek and S of Dear Heaven Mountain T35, R13E, Sec. 19 SE on rim of Clover Creek, 14 miles S of Hill City T45, R17E, Sec. 6 center near Tom Gooding Lake NW of Shoshone T165, R3E, Sec. 19 SI price rord, 2 miles N of the DD/NV border T1N, R7E, Sec. 24 NW 1900 record, S Fork Boise River, 8 miles S of Prairie Weiser 1900 record

Soil Type: Shallow stony basalt with cindery gravel on the surface

Habitat and Ecology: A woolly annual of relatively barren sites of cinder over shallow basait bedrock. The sites are level flats on terraces with little or no drainage, typically at mid-elevations from 4,100-5,000 feet. It was found in Weiser at 2,200 feet in 1900. Sites are commonly surrounded by Alkali sage (<u>Artemisia longiloba</u>), Gythee sage (<u>A. rigida</u>), or stiff sage (<u>A. rigida</u>). The plant was collected in Eastern Oregon historically, but despite extensive survey work, it has not surfaced in recent years. More range data is needed. Blooms May and June.

Threats: Off-road vehicles, road building, and salt lick placement





Stylocline filoginea



Key Characteristics

Woolly annual Seldom up to 10 cm tall Male flower with hooked point

S. psilocorphoides

Texosporium sancti-jacobi (Texas-Spored Lichen)

Class: Ascomycytes (Fungi)

Status: A North American endemic lichen species of very limited distribution but with no official status

Known Locations: Ada County, Idaho San Diego, San Benito Counties, California

Idaho T1N, R2E, Sec. 28,33

Soil Type: Heavy clay soil

Habitat and Ecology: Grows on heavy clay microsites within the Wyoming big sage-Sandberg bluegrass zone, often associated with rabbitbrush. The known sites are currently dominated by rabbitbrush. The lichen appears to favor open areas with high light intensity. It is thought to be one of the few North American endemic lichens, as lichens are generally wide-ranging, and many are world-wide. This species occurs on only two sites in S. California, and is disjunct in Idaho. It grows on areas as small as one inch in diameter, which makes it difficult to locate. A specimen is kept in the Boise District herbarium and should be examined to assist in field identification. It is called the Texax-spored lichen because of its large-sized spores.

Key Characteristics

Green fruiting body with white rims Grows adnate to the soil or over moss Trifolium owyheense (Owyhee Clover)

Family: Fabaceae (Legume)

Idaho

Status: Federal Category II (C2) listed as Priority 1 on the State Sensitive Flant List

Known Locations: Owyhee County, Idaho Malheur County, Oregon

T35, R6W, Sec. 14 center Succor Creek, near the OR-ID border

Soil Type: Volcanic ash and tuff

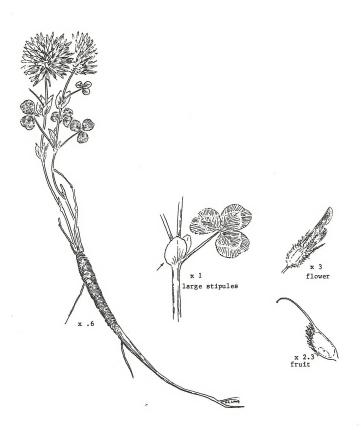
Habitat and Ecology: A perennial clover on slopes of volcanic ash or loose diafomaceous earth. The surrounding plant community is typically Wyoming big sage-grassland, but the plant usually grows alone or with annuals. It has a restricted habitat and small range, occurring in Leslie Gulch, the Honeycombs, and Succor Creek, so it is primarily found in Oregon. Blooms May and June.

Threats: Removal of required substrate for road construction material, off-road vehicles

Key Characteristics

Large flower heads Flowers rose-colored Leaflets in threes .Individual leaflets are circular Restricted habitat Trifolium owyheense

Owyhee Clover



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